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Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
INCIDENT REPORT
Joseph M. Arpaio, Sheriff
Persons/Vehicle Supplement

Incident/Crime Dead Body (Exposure)		Incident # 10-110355		Reporting Deputy C. Love		Serial # R1186		Location of Occurrence Vekol Road, Eight Miles South of Interstate 8	
Persons									
Person Type Witness		# 3	Name (Last, First, Middle) Hall, Jeffrey Russell			Driver's License [REDACTED]		DL State CA	DL Status Valid
Home Address [REDACTED]						Home Phone [REDACTED]			
Work Address Unemployed						Work Phone () - [REDACTED]			
Race White		Sex Male		Ethnicity Non-Hispanic		Resident Status Resident		SSN [REDACTED]	
Height 602		Weight 275		Hair BLN		Eyes BRO		DOB [REDACTED]	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Complexion Light		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Age 31	
Build Athletic		Injury Type N/A							
Person Type Witness		# 4	Name (Last, First, Middle) Urban, Peter E			Driver's License [REDACTED]		DL State CA	DL Status Valid
Home Address [REDACTED]						Home Phone [REDACTED]			
Work Address Unemployed						Work Phone [REDACTED]			
Race White		Sex Male		Ethnicity Non-Hispanic		Resident Status Resident		SSN [REDACTED]	
Height 511		Weight 230		Hair BRO		Eyes BRO		DOB [REDACTED]	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Complexion Light		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Age 57	
Build Heavy		Injury Type N/A							
Person Type Witness		# 5	Name (Last, First, Middle) Boggs, Jess			Driver's License [REDACTED]		DL State AZ	DL Status Valid
Home Address [REDACTED]						Home Phone [REDACTED]			
Work Address unemployed						Work Phone [REDACTED]			
Race Native American		Sex Male		Ethnicity Non-Hispanic		Resident Status Resident		SSN [REDACTED]	
Height 506		Weight 135		Hair BLK		Eyes BRO		DOB [REDACTED]	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Complexion Light Brown		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Age 21	
Build Thin		Injury Type N/A							
Person Type Witness		# 6	Name (Last, First, Middle) Brasington, Patrick			Driver's License [REDACTED]		DL State AZ	DL Status Valid
Home Address [REDACTED]						Home Phone [REDACTED]			
Work Address [REDACTED]						Work Phone [REDACTED]			
Race White		Sex Male		Ethnicity Non-Hispanic		Resident Status Resident		SSN [REDACTED]	
Height 601		Weight 175		Hair BLU		Eyes BRO		DOB [REDACTED]	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Complexion Fair		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Age 45	
Build Thin		Injury Type N/A							
Vehicles									
Vehicle Code	Make	Model	License Plate Number	State	License Year	NCIC #			
Vehicle Year	Vehicle Type	Vehicle Color	Style		Vin #				
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Persons									
Person Type Witness		# 7	Name (Last, First, Middle) Beltran, Phillip			Driver's License Unknown		DL State	DL Status
Home Address								Home Phone	
Work Address United States Border Patrol (Agent) Casa Grande Office								Work Phone [REDACTED]	
Race White		Sex Male		Ethnicity Hispanic		Resident Status Resident		SSN unknown	
Height 600		Weight 190		Hair BLK		Eyes BRO		Complexion Light Brown	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Injury Type N/A		Build Thin	
Person Type Witness		# 8	Name (Last, First, Middle) Francisco, Rodriguez Rivas			Driver's License unknown		DL State	DL Status
Home Address unknown								Home Phone	
Work Address								Work Phone	
Race White		Sex Male		Ethnicity Hispanic		Resident Status Non-resident		SSN unknown	
Height 507		Weight 160		Hair BRO		Eyes BRO		Complexion Medium Brown	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Injury Type N/A		Build Average	
Person Type		#	Name (Last, First, Middle)			Driver's License		DL State	DL Status
Home Address								Home Phone	
Work Address								Work Phone	
Race		Sex		Ethnicity		Resident Status		SSN	
Height		Weight		Hair		Eyes		Complexion	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Injury Type N/A		Build	
Person Type		#	Name (Last, First, Middle)			Driver's License		DL State	DL Status
Home Address								Home Phone	
Work Address								Work Phone	
Race		Sex		Ethnicity		Resident Status		SSN	
Height		Weight		Hair		Eyes		Complexion	
Arrest Type N/A		Arrestee Armed With N/A		Relationship of Victim to Offender Victim Was N/A		Injury Type N/A		Build	
Vehicles									
Vehicle Code		Make		Model		License Plate Number		State	
Vehicle Year		Vehicle Type		Vehicle Color		Style		Vin #	
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NARRATIVE

Joseph M. Arpaio, Sheriff

REPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL # C. Love #R1186	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: Vekol Road, Eight miles South of Interstate 8	INCIDENT # (DR): 10110355
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INCIDENT:

Dead Body (Exposure)

DATE AND TIME:

06/20/2010, 0723 hours

LOCATION:

Vekol Road, 8 Miles South Of Interstate 8

DECEASED:

Male, unknown name, approximately twenty to thirty five years of age, approximately five feet five inches tall, approximately one hundred and fifty pounds with short dark hair.

The body was clothed with blue jean pants a blue tank top styled t-shirt, white, boxer style underwear a black, cloth belt with American Eagle embroidered in white on the belt and written on the metal buckle. Subject was also wearing white crew socks and white Michael Jordan basketball shoes.

NEXT OF KIN:

Unknown

DEATH PRONOUNCED:

Due to the advanced state of decomposition of the body it was apparent the subject was obviously deceased.

LOCATION OF BODY:

The body was located in a desert area approximately eight miles south of Interstate 8 about a quarter mile west of Vekol road in the South Vekol Wash. The body was at Global Positioning System Coordinate, North Longitude 32 degrees 44.228 Minutes and West Latitude - 112 degrees 14.202 Minutes.

The body was laying face down on the south bank of the wash. The head was facing south and the feet was facing north. The right hand was extended out to the side of the body. The left hand was located near the left side of the head. The arm was bent at the elbow.

CONDITION OF BODY:

I visually examined the condition of the body. The subject was a male ethnicity unknown who was obviously deceased. I was unable to find any obvious signs of foul play. Scalp and facial tissue were missing from the right side of the head and face. The body appeared to be a young male in his early twenties with short dark hair. A strong odor of decomposition was emitting from the body. The shirt of the body was torn from the back, showing visible missing flesh from the area of the spine. The exposed skin of the body appeared to be dried and leathery with some skin slippage on the arms and back. Insects and bugs were entering and exiting the skull near the eye sockets. The eyes had fallen from the skull and were on the ground near the face. The body had a liquid drainage from the front of the body which had seeped into the dirt around and under the body. I located a piece of the scalp which was approximately two inches wide and had short dark hair consistent with the scalp on the body. The hair piece was located about fifteen feet southwest of the body.

DETECTIVES:

Deputy Ortega contacted Sergeant Quattrini S0988 and briefed him on details of the deceased person. Quattrini contacted District II Detective Sergeant and briefed him on the details of the deceased person as well. Sergeant Quattrini told Ortega that Detectives were not responding to the scene. Quattrini told Ortega and I to process the scene ourselves.

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS:

Medical Examiners Rodney Newman #36 and Dennis Knapp #38 arrived at about 1348 hours. Upon inspecting the body they determined that they would take possession of the body. They placed the body, in a body bag, which was tagged with tag number, 0283856 and then transported to the, Maricopa County Medical Examiners Office, located at 701 West Jefferson, Phoenix Arizona. The phone number to the Medical Examiners Office is 602 506 1138.

NARRATIVE:

On 06/20/2010 at 0723 hours Deputy Ortega S1666 and I (Deputy Love R1186) were dispatched to the desert area south of Interstate 8 on Vekol Road for a report of a deceased person. I arrived on scene and noticed a black Chevrolet Impala with two male occupants approaching our direction heading northbound on Vekol Road. The subjects flagged us down and I spoke to a white male who identified himself as Jason Ready. Jason explained to us that he and his friends Steven Nevitt, Jess Boggs, Jeff Hall, and Paul Urban were in the area camping out at the abandoned ranch known as the slaughter house. The ranch is located about eight miles south of Interstate 8 on Vekol Road. Jason further stated he observed a Hispanic male whom he believed is an undocumented immigrant (UDA). The Hispanic male was later identified as Francisco Rodriguez-Rivas. Francisco came from the area just north west of his location from a wash known as South Vekol Wash. He spoke Spanish, was wearing light colored pants and shirt. He approached him near the campsite asking for water. Jason stated that he speaks Spanish as well and assisted Francisco by giving him water. Jason stated that after discovering Francisco coming from the area of South Vekol Wash, his friend Steve went to that area, to see if there were any other UDAs in the area. At that time Steve discovered a dead body in the wash. Jason then said that he, Steve, Jeff, and Jess went to look at the body, which was located on the bank of the wash

Jeff then sent their other friend, Peter Urban a text message asking him to return to the camp site. Jeff left the campsite shortly before the body was discovered. Jeff Hall then notified US Customs and Border Protection about Francisco.

I made contact with Steve, who was identified by California Drivers License as Steven Nevitt, who told me that he was the first person to discover the dead body earlier on this day between 0600 and 0700 hours. The body was in the South Vekol Wash. He told me that after he and his friends located Francisco and he and his friends went to see where he had come from. He then stated that after approaching where they came from, near the wash, he smelled a foul odor. He went to see what the smell was and he saw a dead body. Jason asked Francisco if he knew how the person had died and he told him "no". Francisco said he wanted to see the body to see if the dead body was his friend. Steve then stated he and the rest of his group left the area to get away from the smell.

I spoke with Jeffrey Hall who said he is a friend of Jason, Jess and Steve. He said that at about 0630 hours, when he was with Steve and Jason, he observed Francisco approach them. He said Francisco asked then in Spanish for some water. I asked him who discovered the dead body and he stated "Steve".

I then made contact with Peter, who was identified by California Drivers License as Peter Edward Urban, who said he is a friend of Jason, Jess, Jeff and Steve. Peter told me that he was going to the Interstate-8 when Jeff sent him a text message at 0546 hours. Jeff asked him to come back to the camp site. Peter said he turned around and upon arriving he observed an Francisco who was wearing a light colored shirt and light colored pants. Peter said Jason told him that a dead body was in the Wash. I asked him if he had any information as to how the person died and he said he did not.

I then spoke with US Customs and Border Protection Agent Phillip Beltran #74042 who stated that Jeff Hall telephoned the US Customs and Border Protection office out of Tucson in reference to a UDA in need of water and possibly a dead UDA near the area of Vekol Road, 8 miles south of Interstate 8. Agent Beltran had Francisco in his custody in his patrol vehicle. I asked Agent Beltran if I could speak to Francisco and he said yes. The interview was conducted in Spanish. I have limited Spanish speaking skills but was able to converse with Francisco. I asked Francisco if he had any knowledge of the death of the deceased person near the wash and he said "no". He told me that he wanted to know if the guy was his friend. Shortly after my interview with Francisco, Agent Beltran transported him to the US Customs and Border Protection Station in Casa Grande for further processing.

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I later spoke with Bureau of Land Management Supervisor Patrick Brasington who was on scene. Patrick stated that his Office was notified at 0622 hours by US Customs and Border Protection of a possible dead body and a UDA in need of water. He arrived at 0644 hours and located the dead body. He placed pink colored flags marking the area where the deceased body was laying to signal a clear location for investigative purposes. Patrick showed me where the dead body was located.

I approached the area which was desert terrain and observed the dead body. The body was located just northwest of our location on the bank of South Vekol Wash lying faced down. The body, was a male, ethnicity unknown, who was obviously deceased. Scalp and facial tissue were missing from the right side of the head and face. The body appeared to be a young man with short hair. The body was in a state of discomposure and was emitting a strong foul odor. The shirt of the dead body was torn which allowed me to see that visible flesh was missing from the back. The body skin on the body appeared dried with skin slippage around the arms hands and back. The skin had a leathery appearance. A large amount of insects and bugs were entering and exiting the skull area near the eye sockets where the eyes had fell out of the skull. The body had a liquid drainage from the front of the body which had seeped into the dirt around and under the body. I located a piece of the scalp which was approximately two inches wide and had short dark hair consistent with the scalp on the body. The hair piece was located about fifteen feet southwest of the body.

To the west of the right hand of the body was an empty black water jug with a blue top. A stick with a short piece of rope was attached to the jug. A light grey jacket was located just north of the stick.

Agent Beltran then transported Francisco to Casa Grand United States Customs Border Protection station. At 1055 hours I requested Radio to contact the County Medical Examiners Office to conduct an examination of the dead body and to secure it from the wash. At 1348 hours Examiners Rodney Newman #36 and Dennis Knapp #38 arrived on scene and conducted an examination of the body. Both examiners declared that the individual was in his early twenties and was deceased for approximately two weeks. They also stated that they didn't see any signs of foul play. The body bag was sealed with tag number #0283856. At 1445 hours the medical examiners transported the body to the County Medical Examiners Office.

Deputy Ortega took Photographs of the scene. The photographs will be put on a Compact Disc and entered as evidence at the District Two Property and Evidence Room.

If I receive further information reference this incident I will supplement this report.

Nothing Further



Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Scientific Analysis Section/Crime Lab Unit

Joseph M. Arpaio, Sheriff

Phoenix, Arizona

PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM SUBMISSION FORM

DR Number	Agency	Division/Section/Unit
10-110355	Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	District II
Phone Number	Photographs Taken By	Serial Number
(602) 876-1000	Deputy C. Love	R1186

Location
Vekol Valley, 8 Miles South of Interstate 8

Nature of Call	Date & Time	Roll Number
901H	06/20/2010 0723	C-D
Comments		

CHAIN OF CUSTODY		
Received From	Date & Time	Received By

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Phoenix, Arizona
Joseph M. Arpaio
Sheriff

EVIDENCE EXAMINATION REPORT

OFFICER: D. Hess #1535
DATE: 07/07/2010

Incident#: 10-110355
AGENCY: MCSO
TYPE OF CRIME: Dead Body

Name(s):

Unknown

Items of Evidence:

Right and left hands of deceased body

Examination Requested:

Obtain fingerprints from hands and enter into AFIS

Examination Results:

A search was conducted through the AZAFIS, DHS, CAFIS, and FBI IAFIS databases with negative results.

Reviewed by: *KAD*
ABCS

Michael Frost
Crime Lab Analyst: Michael Frost B0841

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Supplemental Report

Occurrence Date: 08/03/2010

Incident#: 10-110355

Occurrence Location: Maricopa County OME

Occurrence Type: Dead Body Follow/Up

Victim:

On August 3rd 2010, at about 1545 hours, I responded to Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner to take photographs of tattoos from an unidentified deceased male body. Crime Lab Analyst A. Wilson #B0340, Crime Lab Analyst C. Jonas #B1545, and Crime Lab Analyst R. Brashears #A6518 also responded to assist.

I photographed two tattoos on the advanced decomposition body of the deceased male. One tattoo, cursive style "Sinaloa" above an unidentifiable graphic tattoo, was located on the middle of the chest area. The other tattoo, cursive style Old English letters; unable to identify all the letters due to decomposition, was located around the neck/throat area.

The photographs were retained in the MCSO Crime Lab for further processing/storage.

The tattoos were cut from the body of the deceased male by Medical Examiner personnel and brought back to the MCSO Crime Lab for further processing/photography.

I departed the OME at about 1745 hours.

Michael Frost
Crime Lab Analyst: Michael Frost B0841
Typed By: MSF
Date: 08/04/2010

Reviewer:

[Signature]

OCCURRENCE TYPE**Dead Body****DR#****10-110355****DATE****08/04/2010****MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CASE STATUS / CLEARANCE REPORT**

A REVIEW OF THIS DEPARTMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED THIS DATE.
THE CRITERIA FOR CASE STATUS / CLEARANCE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ACCEPTED STANDARDS.

THIS CASE IS:

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CLEARED BY ARREST

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EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED

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UNFOUNDED

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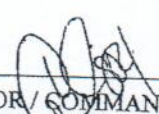
SUSPENSION (INACTIVE)

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RECODED

On 07/29/2010 I received the unidentified body report from the medical examiners' office. I completed the NCIC work sheet and faxed to OIC. I received NIC # U370022096. This case is cleared suspended.

STATISTICAL OFFICE

INVESTIGATOR *DA1535*
Detective D. Hess #1535
SUPERVISOR / COMMAND OFFICER
Detective Sgt. Lewis #804